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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Our family is one of millions who support broadband competition. In contrast to what you are indicating, there are plenty of people who will be "materially affected" should the ability to choose providers go away.

Sonic residential broadband subscribers do exist, and our members would be "materially affected". In fact, those effects would be profound; continued access to UNE services is a key part of our business model for deployment: to provide innovative services for customers with fast, DSL technology, while deploying fiber for more and more members.

A full one third of the company we use, Sonic, use fiber service, but without continued access to copper lines, Sonic won't be able to compete on an even footing. We want to use this company as they have been wonderful. We use their competitive service for our landline, too - a necessary thing for me as I have hearing impairment and cannot use my cellphone as easily.

We oppose this petition to cut the ability for us to choose providers. Please let us continue to use Sonic and other providers of our choice!

Thank you,

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